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² The Vago judgment was recorded with 90 days prior to the Debtor's bankruptcy petition, and is an avoidable preferences pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 547, 550 and 551

III. SUMMARY OF THE MOTION FOR RELIEF

Movant filed its Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay seeking relief as to the Poinsettia Property pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1) and 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2).

IV. ARGUMENT AND APPLICABLE LEGAL AUTHORITY

A. Stay Relief Should Be Denied Under 11 U.S.C.§ 362(d)(1) Movant is Protected by a Substantial Equity Cushion

Relief from stay should be denied as Movant is adequately protected by a significant equity cushion in the Poinsettia Property, Debtor is offering to make adequate protection payments to Movant of \$2,000.00 per month, and the Poinsettia Property is insured. Based on Debtor's scheduled value of \$2,000,000.00 the Poinsettia Property, and Movant's claim of \$1,403,054.50, per Movant's Motion for Relief, Movant has an equity cushion of \$596,945.50.

In *In re Kost*, 102 B.R. 829, 831 (D. Wyo. 1989) the Court opined, "whether an equity cushion provides adequate protection to a creditor is determined on a case-by-case basis rather than by mechanical application of a formula." In *In re Mellor*, 734 F.2d 1396, 1400 (1984) the court explains that although the existence of an equity cushion as a method of adequate protection is not specifically mentioned in Sec. 361, it is the classic form of protection for a secured debt justifying the restraint of lien enforcement by a bankruptcy court. In fact, the existence of an equity cushion, standing alone, can provide adequate protection. A 20% cushion has been held to be an adequate protection by itself for a secured creditor. *In re Mellor*, 734 F.2d at 1401. Movant relies on Debtor's scheduled value of the Poinsettia Property in its Motion for Relief from Stay to establish the fair market value of the property. Using the Debtor's scheduled value of the Poinsettia Property, the Movant has an equity cushion of \$596,945.50 or 29.84%³. Movant is in no way at risk of not getting paid in full.

 $^{^3}$ Equity Cushion per Debtor's schedule value of Poinsettia Property (\$2,000,000.00-\$1,403,054.50)/\$2,000,000.00)*100 = 29.84%

Debtor had difficulty opening his debtor-in-possession accounts, including a cash collateral account for the Poinsettia Property. Debtor understands his responsibility as a debtor-in-possession and will segregate the rental income from the Poinsettia Property into a segregated cash collateral account and pay the proposed adequate protection payment and other expenses associated with the Poinsettia Property from that account.

B. Stay Relief Should Be Denied Under 11 U.S.C.§ 362(d)(2)(A) As There Is Equity In The Poinsettia Property Beyond Movant's Lien And The Poinsettia Property Is Necessary For An Effective Reorganization

Debtor asserts that there is equity in the Poinsettia Property beyond Movant's lien, and that the Poinsettia Property is necessary to an effective reorganization. The Debtor is still evaluating his financial situation. The Debtor will propose a Plan of Reorganization that will maximize payments to creditors. Either the Debtor will use the income from the Poinsettia Property to fund his plan, or in the alternative, the Debtor will seek to sell the Poinsettia Property. In either scenario, given Movant's claim being fully secured, Movant is in no risk of not getting paid in full.

Bankruptcy Code §362(d)(2) provides that:

- (d) On request of a party in interest and after notice and a hearing, the court shall grant relief from the stay provided under subsection (a) of this section, such as by terminating, annulling, modifying, or conditioning such stay-
 - (2) with respect to a stay of an act against property under subsection (a) of this section, if-

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1	(A) the debtor does not have an equity in such property;	
2	and	
3	(B) such property is not necessary to an effective	
4	reorganization.	
5	Bankruptcy Code §362(g) provides that:	
6	(g) In any hearing under subsection (d) or (e) of this section concerning	
7	relief from the stay of any act under subsection (a) of this section-	
8	(1) the party requesting such relief has the burden of proof on the	
9	issue of the debtor's equity in property; and	
10	(2) the party opposing such relief has the burden of proof on all	
11	other issues.	
12	11 U.S.C. §362	
13	Based on the agreed \$2,000,000.00 fair market value of the Poinsettia Property,	
14	Movant has an equity cushion of \$596,945.50 or 29.84%. Movant is in no way at risk of	
15	not getting paid in full.	
16	Further the Poinsettia Property is necessary to an effective reorganization as the	
17	Debtor's intent of filing its Bankruptcy case is to pay its creditors as much as it can, while	
18	keeping its unexempt assets. The Debtor will propose a plan which will pay the Movant in	
19	full either through monthly payments, or through the sale of the Poinsettia Property. The	
20	Debtor asserts that not only is the Poinsettia Property clearly necessary to its	
21	reorganization in this case, but further that such successful reorganization is in progress.	
22	v. <u>conclusion</u>	
23	WHEREFORE, the Debtor respectfully requests that the Court:	
24	(1) Deny the Motion under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1) on the grounds that Movant's lien	
25	is protected by an equity cushion and Debtor will begin making adequate	
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I, Leslie Klein, declare and state as follows:

- I am the debtor and debtor-in-possession in the above-captioned matter (the 1. "Debtor"). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and if called to testify as to those facts, I could and would competently do so.
- I commenced my bankruptcy case by filing a voluntary petition under 2. Chapter 11 of 11 U.S.C. §101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code") on February 22, 2023.
- I am an individual who owns multiple real properties, including the 3. Poinsettia Property.
 - Details regarding the Poinsettia Property are as follows: 4.

Rental Property:	Fair Market Value: \$2,000,000.00 (Per Debtor's
161 North Poinsettia Place	Schedule A)
Los Angeles, CA 90036	
_	1st TD: Ajax \$1,403,054.50 (Per Movant's Motion
	for Relief ⁴
	Judgment Lien: Erika and Joseph Vago
	\$24,334,038.99 ⁵
	Equity Cushion: \$596,945.50 or 29.84%

- Relief from stay should be denied as Movant is adequately protected by a 5. significant equity cushion in the Poinsettia Property, I am offering to make adequate protection payments to Movant of \$2,000.00 per month, and the Poinsettia Property is insured. Based on my scheduled value of \$2,000,000.00 the Poinsettia Property, and Movant's claim of \$1,403,054.50, per Movant's Motion for Relief, Movant has an equity cushion of \$596,945.50.
- Using the Debtor's scheduled value of the Poinsettia Property, which 6. Movant has agreed to in its Motion for Relief from Stay, the Movant has an equity

⁴ Debtor's scheduled amount of the Ajax TD is \$954,432.00.

⁵ The Vago judgment was recorded with 90 days prior to the Debtor's bankruptcy petition, and is an avoidable preferences pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 547, 550 and 551

- 7. I generate \$3,000.00 per month of rental income from the Poinsettia Property. I offer to make adequate protection payments to Movant in the amount of \$2,000.00, after Debtor's expenses for property insurance and property taxes.
- 8. The Poinsettia Property is insured. A true and correct copy of the property insurance on the Poinsettia Property is attached hereto as **Exhibit "1."**
- 9. I had difficulty opening my debtor-in-possession accounts, including a cash collateral account for the Poinsettia Property. I understand my responsibility as a debtor-in-possession and will segregate the rental income from the Poinsettia Property into a segregated cash collateral account and pay the proposed adequate protection payment and other expenses associated with the Poinsettia Property from that account.
- 10. There is equity in the Poinsettia Property beyond Movant's lien, and that the Poinsettia Property is necessary to an effective reorganization.
- 11. I am still evaluating my financial situation. I will propose a Plan of Reorganization that will maximize payments to creditors. Either the I will use the income from the Poinsettia Property to fund my plan, or in the alternative, I will seek to sell the Poinsettia Property. In either scenario, given Movant's claim being fully secured, Movant is in no risk of not getting paid in full. I will propose a plan which will pay the Movant in full either through monthly payments, or through the sale of the Poinsettia Property.
- 12. Not only is the Poinsettia Property clearly necessary to its reorganization in this case, but further that such successful reorganization is in progress.

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⁶ Equity Cushion per Debtor's schedule value of Poinsettia Property (\$2,000,000.00-\$1,403,054.50)/\$2,000,000.00)*100 = 29.84%

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed on May 3, 2023 in Los Angeles, California.

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EXHIBIT 1



Landlord Protection® Policy#: OA5143547

A Liberty Mutual Company

Customer Information

LESLIE KLEIN 322 N JUNE ST LOS ANGELES, CA 90004-1042

Date Prepared: 03/08/2023

Policy Period: 03/07/2023 to 03/07/2024

Agent Information

ALERA - SHOMER INSURANCE 5805 SEPULVEDA BLVD STE 500 SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91411-2551

Phone Number: (323) 934-8160 Email: joseph@shomerinsurance.com

Agent #: 161290

PREMIUM SUMMARY	Premium
Primary Coverages - Special	\$1,311.00
Other and Optional Coverages	\$82.00
Discounts and Surcharges	\$0.15
Your total policy premium for 12 months is	\$1,393.15

DWELLING LOCATION

161 N POINSETTIA PL LOS ANGELES, CA 90036-2805

PRIMARY COVERAGES

Dwelling Other Structures Personal Property			Medical Payments
\$1,000,000 \$100,000 \$29,724	\$100,000	\$500,000	\$5,000

Amount DEDUCTIBLES \$2,500.00 All Perils Deductible

This is not a contract but confirms that the coverages displayed are in effect.

OTHER AND OPTIONAL COVERAGES	Limit	Premium
Personal Injury, Wrongful Eviction, Privacy Invasion		Included
Extended Dwelling Coverage - 50%		\$33.00
438 BFU		Included
Building Ordinance or Law Coverage	25%	\$49.00
Total		\$82.00
DISCOUNTS AND SURCHARGES		Premium

Safeco Insurance Company of America

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Safeco Insurance...

Landlord Protection® Policy#: OA5143547

A Liberty Mutual Company

License, Tax or Fee:

California Seismic Safety Fee

\$0.15

Total

\$0.15

Coverages: Insurance is afforded only for such coverages as are indicated by specific premium charges.

ADDITIONAL INTERESTS

Name: GREGORY FUNDING LLC

Interest Type: Mortgage Servicing Agency for 1st Mortgagee

ISAOA

Loan Number: 500582X665

PO BOX 25430

PORTLAND, OR 97298-0430

Name: BAY AREA DEVELOPEMENT CO Interest Type: Co-Signer / Contract of Sale / Co-Title Holder

A CA CORP 322 N JUNE ST

LOS ANGELES, CA 90004-1042

For your protection California law requires the following to appear on this form:

Any person who knowingly presents false or fraudulent information to obtain or amend insurance coverage or to make a claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: 9454 Wilshire Blvd., 6^{th} FL., Beverly Hills, CA 90212

et convert the foregoing decument entitled (specific): Debtor's Opposition To Motion For Relief

From Automatics Klein In Support	stav (Poinsettia Place): Memo	randum Of Points And Authorities; Declaration Of Leslie served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner ted below:
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